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Group Art Unit: 2151

Atty. Docket No.: 59864.00280

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March 20, 2006

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated October 6, 2005 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-9, 12-19, 24-56, 58-65, and 69-73, and objecting to Claims 10-11, 20-23, 57, and 66-68.

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- In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2222, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

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